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report on Hungarian oil refineries.
The report contains information on security protection measures and on Hungarian
Socialist (Communist) Workers' Party strength in the refineries.

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Until end of 1949 the refineries did not have armed guards except on the fields of the MOLAJ in SZONY. Each company had its own factory guards but they served without arms. The guards were selected from the employees of the factory. Organizationally they belonged to the orderly group. The orderly group was under the direction of the control department. The leader of the control department was subordinate to the leaders of the company but actually he received his orders directly from the Department of the Crude Oil Industrial Center. The task of the orderly group was twofold: 1./ It guarded the factory as ☐ mentioned it above. 2./ It investigated in cases of theft or other irregularities. 25X1

The situation was quite different at the MOLAJ fields in SZONY. There the Russians did not allow the operation of the control department and orderly group. Although there was a controller elected he could not perform his task since he was hindered in that by the Russians. Armed AVH guarded the factory with watch dogs. The guards consisted of 13~~2~~ companies.

The situation changed at the end of 1950. The AVH took over the guarding everywhere. Although the orderly groups stayed but without function. About 1982 the situation changed in the factories of Budapest. At the LANDOLINE Crude Oil Industrial Company the guard ceased completely. At the Crude Oil Industrial Company of CSEPEL the task of the guard was transferred to the so called industrial guard. These guards were independent from the leadership of the company and they differed from the AVH only in their black uniform.

The AVH was built in at every factory or company. The personnel department leaders of the companies were in constant contact with the AVH. Besides that the AVH had its built in agents. They were selected from the employees. Naturally they did not know about each other so the AVH could control their reports and work.

In every factory there was a Party organization and seemingly they were all strong. [] the Communist Party Secretaries had unlimited power in just about everything in the factories. But^{25X1} at times of difficulties or crisis it became obvious that this power was only illusory. For example the selling of "Peace Bonds" to the workers was extremely difficult. Each company was compelled to sell a certain number of the peace bonds to the employees. To succeed they had to use always pressure and threat. 25X1

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ALMASFUZITŐ Crude Oil Industrial Company./Almásfüzitői Kőolajipari V./

About 75% of the employees were members of the Arrow Cross Party before 1945. Ca. 80% of these joined the Communist or the Social Democratic Party after 1945. After the union of the above two parties many of the social democrats were ousted so that at last ca. 50-55% of the employees were members of the MDP. The larger percentage of the members and even the Party leaders joined the Party^{ONLY} because of interest or under pressure. There was no actual Party spirit at all.

CSEPEL Crude Oil Industrial Company./Csepeli Kőolajipari V./

About 80% of the employees belonged to the MDP. The Party organization was there the strongest. Although before the union of the two parties the ~~the~~ Social Democratic Party was the stronger one. After the union many leading members of the Social Democratic Party were either arrested or fired. Many joined the MDP because of fear from firing. The Party leaders made big efforts to keep Csepel "red".

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If someone did not appear active enough was fired on the plea of some false accusation. To find another job in Csepel was almost impossible. /The greater part of the workers lived in Csepel./ Therefore they tried hard to act "Party-like".

NYIRBOGDANY Crude Oil Industrial Co. /Nyirbogdányi Kőolajipari V./
Only ca. 40% of the employees belonged to the Party. The Party organization was weak. The Party leaders agitated against each other trying to get into more powerful positions. Most of the employees own some land and do not care much about the ongoing at the factory.

PÉT Crude Oil Industrial Co. /Péti Kőolajipari V./
Around 50% of the employees were Party members. The organization of the Party is weak and not serious since the members do not take their Party membership seriously at all. Only those are active who live in the Factory's apartment houses and they are afraid of losing the flat or the job.

SZŐNY Crude Oil Industrial Co. /Szőnyi Kőolajipari V./
For a long time the Company was under Russian leadership. The Russians paid higher wages than the other companies therefore the Communist Party was stronger there. Ca. 75% of the employees belonged to the Party. Among the country factories SZŐNY had the strongest and most active Party organization.

LARDOLINE Crude Oil Industrial Co. /Lardoline Kőolajipari V./
About 50% of the employees belonged to the Party. It was a weak, passive organization. The wages were very low there and the workers were very dissatisfied. The Party organization operated only nominally.

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